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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24; CHINESE NON-ROLE

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1. WE FIND IT NOTEWORTHY THAT, UNLIKE LAST YEAR WHEN PRC SPOKE IN FAVOR OF COMITE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, CHINESE MADE ABSOLUTELY NO STATEMENT DURING THIS YEAR'S DEBATE, LIMITING THEMSELVES TO VOTES IN FAVOR OF HEARING INDEPENDENTISTAS AND OF RES CRITICAL OF U.S.-PUERTO RICAN RELATIONSHIP. CUBAN PERMREP'S RECENT CRITICISM OF CHINESE (REFTELS) MAY WELL BE PART OF EXPLANATION, AS WELL AS A POSSIBLE DESIRE NOT TO BECOME EMBROILED WITH U.S. ON THIS ISSUE.

2. EARLIER IN SUMMER, DURING TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION, MOST DELEGATES SPECULATED PRIVATELY THAT CHINESE DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE RESULTED FROM UNWILLINGNESS TO CRITICIZE PUBLICLY U.S. STEWARDSHIP OF MICRONESIA (TTPI). THIS SPECULATION BORNE OUT BY PRC REP'S COOL REPLY, DURING CHANCE MEETING AT RECEPTION TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S LEGAL COUNSEL UDUI WHO SOMEWHAT FACETIOUSLY INQUIRED ABOUT INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA. HE WAS TOLD TO APPLY IN OTTAWA OR PARIS FOR A VISA AND THE CONVERSATION (IN PRESENCE OF

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